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To Whom It May Concern:

I am increasingly disturbed by what I'm discovering about genetically engineered foods and that I, as a consumer, am not able to discern what foods have been genetically engineered and what foods have not been genetically engineered. How can the FDA not require labeling of genetically engineered foods? I am very concerned about the types of food that I put in by body and am EXTREMELY concerned that I am ingesting DNA that I would not normally, given the foods that I eat.

The only way I can make an informed choice whether or not to purchase foods with genetically modified ingredients is if these foods are labeled accordingly. I can't believe that the FDA does not already require this labeling! It seems deceptive to me as the consumer!

I am also concerned about the long term effects on the environment from genetically engineered foods. What types of studies have been done on the environmental damage due to cross pollination and the disturbed ecosystems? I am very concerned about these factors also!!

Due to the lack of long-term studies on health and safety of the environment due to genetically engineered foods, I as a consumer DEMAND that this labeling be put into effect immediately!

Sincerely,

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